(b) These inputs have been shared with the Maharashtra and Gujarat Police and they have been advised to ensure adequate security arrangements.

Amnesty International Remarks on violation of human rights

809. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media report to the effect that Amnesty International had accused India of suppression and attacks on human rights, curtailing human rights under the war on Terror Umbrella, whereby 'hundreds of hundred of people suspected of terrorism were condemned to legal black holes';

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto to remove the misgivings expressed by Amnesty International; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to fight out terrorism from across the borders and inside the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Such accusation are made periodically by Amnesty International, an international non-governmental Oganization based in London covering various aspects of human rights situation in several countries, both developed and developing including India. Similar independent reports are also brought by other international non-governmental organizations on alleged human rights violations. The Government of India does not react or respond to such reports brought out by international non-governmental organizations including Amnesty International. With a thriving democracy, independent judiciary, free and vocal media and commissions at the national and State levels to promote and protect human rights, India has adequate institutional mechanisms to ensure that human rights of its citizens are protected. India's active participation in relevant international inter-governmental fora, such as the Commission on Human Rights and organs of United Nations organization is geared to protection and promotion of human rights.

(c) The Government of India has been consistently pursuing a strategy to counter terrorism, which includes dialogue, democratic process and the rule of law. The measures include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, gearing up of intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipments for security forces, action as per

law against terrorists and bilateral and multilateral cooperation to combat global terrorism.

Visit of European Delegation to J & K

810. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of European Parliament visited Jammu and Kashmir to study the situation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this delegation has submitted any report to Government;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A thirteen member European Union Parliamentary delegation visited Jammu & Kashmir from 23.6.2004 to 25.6.2004.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Persons killed by blueline buses

811. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed and injured by reckless driving of blueline drivers in the capital since 1st January, 2004;

(b) what is the number of drivers who have been looked for violation of traffic rules so far; and

(c) what is the number of buses involved in those accidents whose permits have been cancelled during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) 39 persons were killed and 111 persons injured in road accidens due to rash and negligent driving by the drivers of blue-line buses in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the period from 1st January, 2004 to 30th June, 2004.